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KAO Peng (高鹏), a representative of the Far East Politburo, attacked the conduct of members of the Northeast Politburo in a meeting of the Land Conference (土地会议) which had been called jointly by the Northeast and the Far East Politburos and which took place in the Harbin Industrial Bank between 22 and 24 April 1948. KAO pointed out that 49 members of the Northeast Politburo are under arrest on charges of various irregular activities, including bribes from wealthy farmers to keep their sons out of the army. Representatives of the Far East Politburo then proposed a general house cleaning for Chinese Communist Party members and suggested that all cadres now active in Harbin, whether under the Far East Politburo or the Northeast Politburo, should be required to renew their registration cards. At the time of such renewal each candidate would be examined as to "thoughts", and past performance would be reviewed.

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